

He has Nullified the Devil's Power of Death

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"Therefore, since the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He (Jesus) also Himself likewise partook of the same; that **through death He (Jesus) might bring-to-nothing (nullify) him having the power of death, that is, the devil;** and deliver those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He (Jesus) did not give aid to angels; but He gives aid to the seed (descendants) of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like unto His brethren (us), so that He might be a Merciful and Faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, so as to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted." (Hebrews 2:14-18)

Through: from the Greek word ***dia*** which means: through; properly, across (to the other side), to go all the way through; successfully across. (on account of, by reason of, because of).

Death: (both occurrences) from the Greek word ***thanatou*** which means: death, physical or spiritual; from ***thnesko*** which means: to die; (in context: separation forever from the life (salvation) of God by physically dying without first experiencing born gain new-life salvation through Christ Jesus.)

Bring to nothing: from the Greek word ***katargese*** which means: bring to nothing, to render inoperative, to render powerless, to nullify, to make idle or inactive; to abolish; to make of no effect, annul, (from ***kata***, "down to a point," intensifying ***argeo***, "inactive, idle") – properly, to idle down, to rendering something inert; to make completely inoperative; or to put out of use; being of no effect; totally without force, completely brought down; done away with, cause to cease and therefore abolish; make invalid, abrogate.

Power: from the Greek word ***kratos*** which means: strength, might, power; a mighty deed; properly dominion, exerted power.

Having: from the Greek word ***echonta*** which means: to have, having, has, had, to possess; to hold.

Devil: from the Greek word ***diabolon*** which means: a devil, the assurer, the slanderer; from ***diabolos*** which means: slanderous, accusing falsely. In context: satan, the adversary; the ruler of all demons; the prince of the power of the air.

Literal translation: "... (so) that through the (His) death He-might-nullify the-(one) the dominion having death, that is the devil."

Normal translation: "... so that through death He (Jesus) might nullify the-one having the dominion-power of death, that is the devil."

The power of death that the devil has against us is rooted in his efforts to tempt us into lawlessness and sin. The fact that Jesus has defeated and nullified the devil and his efforts and works is clearly proclaimed within the sacred scriptures. The Devil has been judged. By divine judgement the devil has been cast out, and separated from the presence of God. Consider the following:

"Whoever commits sin commits lawlessness; for sin is lawlessness. And you know that He (Jesus) was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. Whoever **abides in Him** does not sin; whoever sins has not seen Him, nor known Him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he who does righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, **so that He might destroy the works of the devil**. Whoever is born of God does not commit sin; for His Seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor him who does not love his brother." (1 John 3:4-10)

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Destroy: from the Greek word *lyse* which means: to loose, to untie, to release; metaphorically: to break, to destroy, to set at naught, contravene; to break up a meeting, to annul. A primary verb; to "loosen" (literally or figuratively) -- break (up), destroy, dissolve, melt, put off. (from *luó*: to loose, to release, to dissolve;) (to set Satan's captives free! ??) (whom Jesus sets free is free indeed! - see John 8:31-36)

Jesus Himself said:

"Now My soul is troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour? **but for this purpose I came into this hour.** 'Father, glorify Your Name.' Then there came a voice from heaven, saying, 'I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.' The people therefore, who stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, 'An angel spoke to Him.' But Jesus answered and said, 'This voice came not because of Me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world; and now shall the ruling-prince of this world will be cast out." (John 12:27-31)

"After this, I will not talk much with you; for **the ruling-prince of this world is coming, and has nothing in Me.** But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do." (John 14:30-31)

"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth, It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Comforter (the Holy Spirit) will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He has come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believed not on Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and you will see Me no more; of judgment, **because the ruling-prince of this world has been judged.**" (John 16:7-11)

Judged: from the Greek word *kekritai* which means: has-been-judged; from *krino*: to judge, to decide; whether in a law-court or privately; properly, to separate (distinguish), i.e. to judge; to come to a choice (decision, judgment) by making a judgment – either positive (a verdict in favor of) or negative (which rejects or condemns). originally meant "separate." Thayer comments that "the proper meaning is to pick out (choose) by separating." Similar to 'judgement' - a decision, a sentence; generally a divine judgment or sentence.

The Devil has not yet been entirely destroyed; he is still exercises a ruling influence over the children of disobedience. But for those of us who have been 'made-alive' in Christ Jesus the power of death has been rendered inoperative! Consider the following:

"And He has made-alive you, who were dead in trespasses and sins; in which in you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the ruling-prince (satan) of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience; among whom also we all conducted ourselves in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, has made-alive us together with Christ, - **by grace you are saved!** And (God) has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places **in Christ Jesus;** so that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness towards us through Christ Jesus. For **by grace you are saved through faith;** and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:1-10)

"For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive.** But every man in his own order: Christ the Firstfruits; and afterwards those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end, when He shall have delivered up the Kingdom to God, even the Father; **when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.** For He must reign, until He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." (1 Cor. 15:22-26) 2673

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"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our Gospel is hidden, it is hidden to those who are lost; in whom **the god of this world (satan) has blinded the minds of those who do not believe**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the Image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, **but Christ Jesus the Lord**; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Cor. 12:1-6)

Even though Christ Jesus has done the work for us on the Cross, we as believers have been given some words of wisdom to follow:

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but test the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you will know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that **Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God**; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God and this is that (spirit) of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Little children, **you are of God**, and have overcome them; because greater is He (Jesus) who is in you, than he (satan) who is in the world. They are of the world; therefore, they speak of the world, and the world listens to them. We are of God; and he who knows God listens to us; and he who is not of God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." (1 John 4:1-6)

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Therefore, **put on the whole armor of God**, so that you may be able to withstand in the day of evil, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having **girded your waist about with truth**, and having **put on the breastplate of righteousness**; and **shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace**; Above all, take up the shield of faith, with which you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And **take the helmet of salvation**, and **the sword of the Spirit**, which is the **Word of God**; **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit**, being watchful to that end with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" (Ephesians 6:10-18)

Amen, and Amen!!

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made reconciliation for our sins

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All Praise and Glory and Honor is Yours Lord Jesus!